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Today's News Briefs

Reds Accuse 2 Virginians in Plot

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Two Washington area residents have been accused by Russian officials of attempting to kidnap a Soviet diplomat in Tokyo, the Associated Press reported today. Japanese police identified the men as Thomas Ryan, 54, of Vienna, Va., and David E. Murphy, 42, of McLean, Va., but said they would not file charges. Japanese police said that what they regarded as an attempt to seize First Secretary Georgy P. Pokrovsky at his Tokyo apartment March 17 was a personal brawl in their view. Ryan and Murphy, whose listed addresses are not far from the Central Intelligence Agency building in Langley, Va., left Japan on March 22, according to the Japanese police.